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SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Change High Desert Power Project Condition of Certification VIS-1 (97-AFC-1C)

Dear Mr. Parece:

California Energy Commission staff have reviewed and approved your request to modify the language in Condition of Certification VIS-1 of the High Desert Power Project (HDPP), to allow for changing the plant color from a light blue shade, to a light brown shade.

As directed by Governor's Executive Order D-25-01, concerning post-certification amendments, we have expedited review of this proposed project modification because statutes and implementing regulations that normally apply to review and approval of this amendment have been suspended. Energy Commission staff have concluded that this modification has no potential for adverse environmental or public health and safety impacts. Therefore, you are authorized to proceed with the project modifications as requested, and the language in Condition of Certification VIS-1 will be modified as shown below.

The first paragraph of Condition of Certification VIS-1, is revised (new wording shown double underlined, deleted wording shown with strikeout) as follows:

**VIS-1** Prior to the start of commercial operation, the project owner shall treat the project structures, buildings, and tanks visible to the public in a non-reflective moderately light ~~blue~~ brown color (Pantone 467) to blend with the ~~background sky~~ surrounding environment. The project owner shall treat the exhaust stacks with a heat-resistant color that minimizes contrast and harmonizes with the surrounding environment.

A copy of this letter will be posted on the Energy's Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov), and we will file a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse.

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If you have any questions, please contact Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or by e-mail at [smunro@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:smunro@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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